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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS
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1. MISSION REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT A TARGET FOR
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AS HIGH AS \$8.5 MILLION IF A CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE
DEVELOPING AROUND THIS FIGURE.
2. MISSION SEES A TARGET OF \$8.5 MILLION TO BE HIGH
ENOUGH TO BE "REASONABLE" IN THE EYES OF THE LDC MEMBERS
OF THE IAEA AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT SO HIGH AS TO BE
UNSUPPORTABLE BY OTHER PRINCIPAL DONOR COUNTRIES.
3. REF A PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO THE MISSION (ENABLING
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US TO SAY WE COULD RECOMMEND \$8 MILLION TO WASHINGTON)
WHICH WAS USEFUL IN THE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
TOOK PLACE DURING AND PRIOR TO THE A&B COMMITTEE
MEETING, REPORTED REF B, BUT THE MISSION NOW SEES
IT UNLIKELY THAT A CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED ON A
TARGET OF LESS THAN \$8.5 MILLION. THE RANGE OF
NEGOTIATIONS IS NOW \$7.5 MILLION, PROPOSED BY FRG

REP, TO \$9.5 MILLION, THE PROPOSAL OF PAKISTANI
AMBASSADOR SATTAR. IF A PROPOSAL TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE
WERE TO COME UNDER CONSIDERATION AND RECEIVE
REASONABLE SUPPORT OF OTHER PRINCIPAL DONOR COUNTRIES,
IT WOULD HELP SOLIDIFY A CONSENSUS IF THE US WERE IN A
POSITION TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT THE FIGURE.

4. IN THE MISSION'S VIEW, THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO
ACCEPT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE TARGET. AN
INCREASE FROM \$7 TO \$8.5 MILLION WOULD BE A 21 PERCENT
INCREASE AND BE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO THE 27 PERCENT
INCREASE PROPOSED INITIALLY IN SAFEGUARDS. SUCH AN
INCREASE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN FOSTERING THE IDEA THAT
THE IAEA IS A "BALANCED" AGENCY IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS
HAVE AN INTEREST. INDEED, AN INCREASE TO \$9.5 MILLION
AS PROPOSED BY PAKISTAN AMOUNTS TO 35 PERCENT, WHICH
IS ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN
THE OVERALL IAEA BUDGET. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, THINK
IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO GO THIS HIGH.

5. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE TARGET AT 11 AM ON
JUNE 2. PLEASE ADVISE. KIRK

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